

"HOLD THE FORT, WE ARE COMING"

Says Henry Ford, Who Wants Peace So Earnestly He Is Fighting to the Limit.

DETROIT AT FULL BLAST

Building Baby Tanks, Liberty Motors and U-Boat Chasers. "Production Will Win."

(By David Lawrence.)
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Detroit, Mich., May 27.—They are pacifists out here, from Henry Ford down—but they have the right idea about how to get peace. They believe America must fight hard for it and that she can do it only by marshaling the most powerful engines of war in such numbers that the German people will see the handwriting on the wall and deliberately extinguish the militarism that has set the whole world on fire.

Physical force—why the city of Detroit symbolizes America's power. The Ford plant alone, with its enormous facilities and resources, is a huge war factory already, and so are the other big automobile concerns. And for versatility it is doubtful whether Germany or any other nation can offer a better reservoir for the numerous weapons that are needed to win the war.

I saw, for instance, "baby tanks" here which can be operated by one man and can be turned out by the tens of thousands and sent across the trenches armed with machine guns. I saw four Ford boats officially known as "Eagles," and about the size of naval destroyers, which are absolutely going to conquer the submarines.

I saw cylinders for Liberty motors for airplanes being turned out by the thousands and by a process that had never before been dreamed possible. I saw Liberty motors, themselves, being assembled for a quantity production very soon of 100 a day. And I saw caissons and motor ambulances and a plant of 35,000 workmen under the leadership of a man they all love—everybody working to help end the war.

For the transition from the Henry Ford of peace ship days to the Henry Ford of America at war may seem to the outside world a singular evolution, but it is nevertheless a significant one. With Henry Ford went his men. They still believe as he does—that war is a distasteful business—but that the only way to end this war is to become stronger than Germany.

Whole Creed of Plant.
The whole creed of the plant is best

FRENCH ACE WINS HIS TWENTIETH VICTORY

(Associated Press.)
Paris, May 27.—Capt. de Ullin, it is announced, has won his twentieth aerial victory. The captain was a partner of the late Capt. Guynemere, the famous French ace.

expressed by a cablegram sent by Henry Ford to a British news syndicate the other day, which he permits me to reproduce in this country. Mr. Ford cabled as follows: "I am a pacifist so earnest for peace that I am fighting for it to the limit of mental, physical and financial capacity. All America is inspired with the same spirit. American industries are aflame with efficient activity; the earnest work of our great industrial leaders is seen everywhere and all the resources, wealth, genius and manufacturing forces of our nation are united for the largest possible production of war strength."

"We stand with our heroic allies confident of victory. 'Hold the fort for we are coming.' America will fight to the last cent and the last man that every sort of militarism may be swept from the world and a permanent peace established by international law that can be enforced; for the equitable arrangement of the three great arts of peace—agriculture, manufacturing and transportation—that the glorious privilege of work and opportunity shall be open throughout the world to every man that he may live on his own land and own his own home."

Landlubbers Build Ships.

Take the construction of Ford boats alone as an example. Who would believe that landlubbers of the middle west, accustomed to making automobiles, could turn out warships? But Henry Ford, in ninety days, built a wonder plant nearly a third of a mile long and several city blocks wide and what was a meadow along the Detroit river last February is now a ship-building plant, with huge presses to perforate ship plates, foundries and rivet machines in countless numbers.

They told the government that a ship and an automobile could be built by the same methods. You could start at one end of a plant, said the Ford engineers, and bring the materials along on carriers and turn out a finished product no matter what the vehicle. And they have proved right, for next month they will launch the first boat. Instead of ways, they have built on a series of flat freight cars, big forms that enclose the new ships. I saw the keels laid on these movable cars and ship plates and ribs being fastened to the ship. Four of these forms were in place, and the famous Ford system was in operation.

Instead of building one vessel at a time, they pile all the parts for one particular operation at a single spot. As the uncompleted ship is moved alongside the pile of material on one track it receives at each successive spot the parts that are accumulated along the track. There are three such tracks and room enough for twenty boats at a time.

When quantity production is

reached they will finish one of these boats every day, and the flat cars will carry them to a movable dock at the tail end of the big plant and launch them in the Detroit river. Here already the navy has sent in a great camp ready to man the ships, and they probably will pass out through the lakes to the ocean before the ice closes navigation.

"That's the Way to Win."

The Germans have copied the big tanks of the allies, but Mr. Ford isn't worrying about copies of the baby tanks. "It doesn't matter," said Mr. Ford, "what the Germans copy or how much they know about such things. We ought to produce ten and fifteen times the number they do. That's the way to win."

Mr. Ford feels the same way about airplanes and Liberty motors. "The Liberty motor is a great thing because it is a standardized motor, and we can produce it rapidly. We can turn out thousands of them, and even if a German plane here and there is a little better than ours we can overwhelm the enemy by sheer force of numbers with our present type. If we build enough of them and have enough men to operate them."

Multiple production of ships to destroy submarines, multiple production of little tanks to go over the top with the infantry companies, dozens of these little fighters with every company; multiple production of Liberty motors to carry low-flying armored cars as well as two-seated battle planes, multiple production can win the war, says Mr. Ford, and he is applying himself day and night to that task with a soul and heart that says every weapon or unit of force made ready quickly means America triumphant in the shortest possible time.

M'ADOO TELEGRAPHS RAILROAD CHAIRMEN

Of Increased Rates, Asking Them to Co-Operate by Suggestions in Matter.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 27.—Director-General McAdoo today telegraphed chairmen of state railroad commissions, notifying them of the increased rates and asking them to co-operate by suggesting readjustments or changes. The director-general does not expect state authorities to overrule any of his rate orders, however.

Wilson Takes Charge of Tangle Over War Tax Law

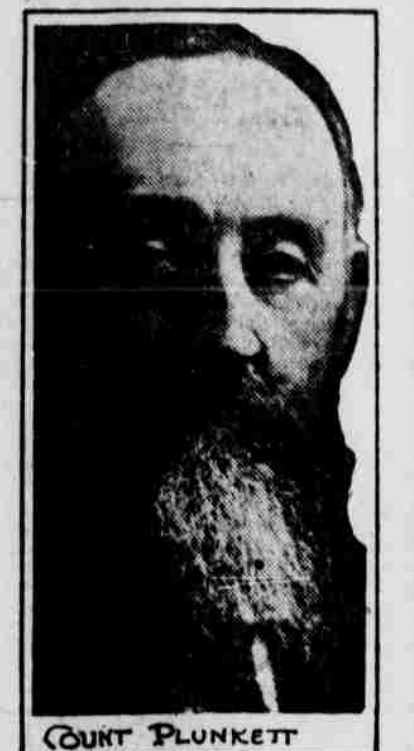
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unless there is to be an unquestionable supply of money.

"Politics Is Adjourned."

"That is the situation, and it is the situation which creates the duty, no choice or preference of course. There is only one way to meet that duty. We must meet it without selfishness or fear of consequences. Politics is adjourned."

Count Plunkett Held in German-Irish Revolt Plot



Count George Noble Plunkett, Sinn Fein leader in Ireland, is among 500 who have been arrested by the British authorities in connection with the recent widespread German-Irish revolt conspiracy.

sequences. Politics is adjourned. The elections will go to those who think least of it; to those who go to the constituencies without explanations or excuses, with a plain record of duty faithfully and disinterestedly performed. I, for one, am always confident that the people of this country will give a just verdict upon the service of the men who act for them when the facts are such that no man can disguise or conceal them. There is no danger of deceit now. An intense and pitiless light beats upon every man and every action in this tragic plot of war that is now upon the stage. If lobbyists hurry to Washington to attempt to turn what you do in the matter of taxation to their protection or advantage, there is a danger of their being caught. There is abundant fuel for the light in the records of the treasury with regard to profits of every sort. The profiteering that cannot be got at by the restraints of conscience and love of country can be got at by taxation. There is such profiteering now, and the information with regard to it is available and indisputable.

In Sharing Responsibilities.

"I am advising you to act upon this matter of taxation now, gentlemen, not because I do not know that you can see and interpret the facts and the duty they impose just as well and with as clear a perception of the obligations involved as I can, but because there is a certain solemn satisfaction in sharing with you the responsibilities of the time. The world never stood in such a case before. Men never had so clear or so moving a vision of duty. I know that you will begrudge the work to be done here by us no more than the men begrudge theirs who lie in the trenches and suffer for their death. There is a stimulating comradeship knitting us all together. And then this task to which I invite your immediate consideration will be performed under favorable influences if we will look to what the country is thinking and expecting and care nothing at all for what is being said and believed in the lobbies of Washington hotels, where the atmosphere seems to make it possible to believe what is believed nowhere else.

Nation of One Thought.

"Have you not felt the spirit of the nation rise and its thought become a single and common thought since these eventful days came? I think we have been sending our boys to the other side? I think you must read that thought, as I do, to mean this, that the people of this country are not only united in the resolute purpose to win this war, but are ready and willing to bear any burden and undergo any sacrifice that it may be necessary for them to bear in order to win it. We need not be afraid to tax them, if we tax justly. They know that the war must be paid for and that it is they who must pay for it, and if the burden is justly distributed and the sacrifice a common sacrifice from which none escapes who can bear it at all, they will carry it cheerfully and with a sort of solemn pride. I have always been proud to be an American, and was never more proud than now, when all that we have said and all that we have foreseen about our people is coming true. The great day has come when the only thing that they ask for or admire is duty greatly and adequately done; when their only wish for America is that she win this war, the freedom she enjoys; when a compelling sympathy wells up in their hearts for men everywhere who suffer and are oppressed; and when they feel that the high uses for which their wealth has been piled up and their might power accumulated and counting neither blood nor treasure now, that their final day of opportunity has come, rejoice to spend and to be spent through a long night of suffering and terror in order that they and men everywhere may have a day of righteousness and justice and peace. Shall we grow weary when they bid us act?"

BESSARABIA WILLING TO JOIN MOTHER COUNTRY

Rumania Answers Protest of Ukraina Regarding Annexation Bessarabia to Russia

(International News Service.)
Geneva, May 27.—Answering the Ukrainian protest against the annexation of the Russian province of Bessarabia, Rumania has notified the Ukrainian government at Kiev that Bessarabia willingly joined the mother country, said advisers received today.

The central empire consented to the annexation of Bessarabia by Rumania during the eastern peace parley.

HEARD WHISTLE JUST BEFORE SHE WAS STRUCK

Officers Believe This Was Trick of Submarine to Trap Moldavia.

(International News Service.)

London, May 27.—Just before the transport Moldavia, carrying American troops, was attacked and sunk by a German submarine, a whistle was heard in the fog, indicating that a collision was imminent, according to a dispatch to the Express today from a channel port quoting an officer who was in command of a detachment on the transport. He believed that the whistle was sounded by the submarine itself and was a trick to trap the vessel. As soon as the whistle was heard all lights on the Moldavia were switched.

The thick weather, which was prevailing, assisted the U-boat in its work of destruction. Five minutes before the ship was sent down the weather was so foggy that one's hand could not be seen before his face, the officer stated.

Just as it did so the vessel was struck. It was a fortunate thing that it remained moonlight for an hour, as the light greatly assisted in transferring the survivors.

According to the best evidence at hand, the missing American soldiers were killed outright instead of being trapped and drowned.

GEN. WOOD ORDERED TO SAN FRANCISCO POST

To Assume Command of Department of West—Headquarters at Frisco.

Greenville, S. C., May 27.—According to authoritative reports received at Camp Sevier this morning, Maj.-Gen. Leonard Wood, commanding a division at Camp Funston, Kan., has been ordered to assume command of the department of the west, with headquarters at San Francisco.

Will Not Go to France.

Washington, May 27.—Maj.-Gen. Leonard Wood will not accompany his division to France. He has been detached and will remain at Camp Funston and take another command in this country later.

Brig.-Gen. Frank L. Winn, second to Gen. Wood in command at Camp Funston, probably will command the Eighty-ninth division when it sails.

THOUGH NEAR BATTLE, MEN DON'T KNOW "NEWS"

(International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

With the American Army in Picardy, April 25 (By Mail).—All day today—in fact for the last forty-eight hours—one of the big battles of this greatest battle in the history of the world has been taking place. The American organization finds itself temporarily. American officers leaving their mess in an almost deserted two-story village tonight saw the flashes of gunfire in a wide, crescent curve along the horizon. The windows of the ramshackle old house in which I am writing this dispatch by flickering candle light shook just now under the heavy rumble from the front of the only thirty minutes motor ride away.

Yet we men within a few miles of that great battle actually know less of what has happened along that curving line of fire in the last twenty-four hours than some of the butchers in San Francisco, a merchant in Peking, China, or the newspaper readers of Sydney, Australia.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

TO SAVE 50,000 BABIES

(International News Service.)
Washington, May 27.—Of the lives of at least fifty thousand French babies this year is the hope of the infant welfare unit of the American Red Cross now working four hundred strong in France, where the death rate among infants is tremendous, according to statements made by Dr. William P. Lucas, chief of the bureau, just returned to this country.

"In America there is one physician to every 500 people," said Dr. Lucas. "In France there is but one physician to 2,000 people, and I know of communities where there is but one to 20,000 people. As a result the death rate is enormous, and the birth rate has fallen, as it has in each of the belligerent countries."

"The infant mortality work has several phases. One is directly through our centers, where the public comes for preventive work. France was the first country that started preventive work for infants and has the best organization, where they obtain the best mothers and children. But there is no organized home visiting, and we are endeavoring to create schools to train women in this work."

"Two months ago we started an educational campaign. The first infant welfare exhibit was in Chartres, and the success there and the general interest were immense. We immediately started the organization of the most successful infant welfare exhibits I have ever seen. The best American record was one in Philadelphia in 1912, when a nine-day baby show was visited by 67,000 people. In Lyons one infant welfare exhibit was visited by 71,000 in the same first nine days. We showed wintergarten work, recreation and playground work, food exhibits, moving pictures and lantern slides, as well as demonstrations of washing and caring for babies. To be the general type of educational work through France."

Dr. Lucas said the bureau had examined 28,000 constipated children coming through France in the past six months and that it had come into touch with 150,000 French children.

New Traffic Rules

During the passing of a military funeral the Chattanooga Railway and Light company will be requested to stop all street cars. During the passing of the boys in khaki or drafted boys in parade those in automobiles are requested to blow their automobile horns.

COUNT MINOTTO COMES TO PRISON BARRACKS

Son-in-Law of Swift, Multimillionaire Meat Packer, Interned for War.

Count Minotto, alien German son-in-law of the Chicago millionaire meat packer, Swift, arrived at the German prison barracks at Fort Oglethorpe last Saturday at 4:30 p.m., after a full journey from Chicago under the observing eyes of a provost guard.

He made the trip in a drawing room car. When he awoke Sunday morning he found himself in a wooden bunk, sandwiched between two other alien enemies. No maid brought a cup of steaming Mocha and a pick-me-up. Instead of a silk lounging robe to wear to his sea bath, the count was huddled out at 6:30 a.m. in prison clothes to wash his head and torso in a trough.

Count Minotto's great fault lies in being "made in Germany." He is an Italian count, but was born in the "Vaterland." During the early part of the war, before America's entrance, he served on the Italian side, but was discharged for reasons unknown.

He married Swift's daughter, trading his title for her title. What led to his detention was his friendship with some Germans in this country. Besides Mocha and a pick-me-up, lavishly, with no income sufficient to account for same. Count Minotto said he was spending his wife's money. The department of justice placed him behind barbed wire.

YOUNG WHITAKER WRITES TO HIS FATHER

Says He Is in Hospital and Is Receiving the Best of Care and Attention.

Gen. M. N. Whitaker received a letter dated April 30 from his son Kenneth, of the marine corps, now in service in France, who was wounded April 15 by the explosion of a shell in "no man's land," in which the young soldier said he was not seriously hurt, but was still in a hospital. He said he was receiving the best of attention and care and was getting along fine.

MOBILE AVIATOR REPORTED MISSING

Since May 22—May Have Been Taken Prisoner by Germans.

(Associated Press.)
Paris, May 27.—Lieut. Paul F. Baer of Mobile, Ala., an aviator, is hoped as missing since May 22. It is hoped he is alive, as he may have been taken prisoner.

SERIOUSLY INJURED BY FALL ON STREET

Edward Shell is at West-Elms hospital in a serious condition as the result of an injury received in a fall on Carter street Monday morning. He claimed that a horse kicked him in the head in Texas and part of his skull was removed in an operation. He fell on his head this morning. He said he had a sister in St. Elmo. He was removed to the hospital in Chapman's ambulance.

Sam Conner's Reasons for Opposing Judge Cummings

I am not making the race for County Judge merely because I want to hold an office. There is nothing in a public office tempting to me. I am a representative of the vast body of Hamilton County citizens, who, irrespective of party lines, are demanding that luxuries be cut out of public offices and that our public affairs be conducted just as all of us have to run our private affairs. In every home there is a determination to hold expenses down to a minimum in order to enable heads of families and the children to do their part toward supporting the Government. They will stand no longer for the expensive, wasteful and reckless manner of spending the public's money by the politicians that has been in vogue during the first year of the war. It is not a question of constructive administration. Private citizens know this is no time for constructive programs in anything. Instead, improvements and construction have been relegated until after the war.

To approve the administration of the present county judge the citizen must approve of such things as these which are a part of his record:

Increase of the county's bonded debt until it is greater than that of any county in Tennessee and until more than two-thirds of all our revenue is required to pay interest on the debt. Who can be found to approve that excepting special interests that have profited from the expenditure of the millions?

Selling of county bonds at a discount in violation of law and paying interest on as much as \$54,000 for four years—that sum representing the price paid somebody for taking a large block issued by the present administration. Where is the person who approves that unless it be the interests that received the \$54,000?

Laying of the highest tax in the history of the county during our first year in the great war. Who approves that excepting those who have profited from the enormous revenues?

Increasing of the number of county employees and vastly increasing their salaries, while the country is calling for able-bodied men to help with the Government's war preparations? Who approves that excepting those who have held the jobs and escaped in that way possibly less agreeable employment?

Increase in the number of county automobiles and vast increase in the consumption of gasoline at war prices and upkeep of machines which can hardly be afforded by the wealthiest. Who approves that policy excepting those favored persons who ride those automobiles all over the county, generally performing some political mission while making the people believe they are keeping our children in school, building our roads or some other camouflage to conceal the absolute wastage?

Expending of hundreds of thousands of dollars in construction of the most expensive types of highways, generally for private enrichment, despite the fact that no private enterprise in these days would think of using concrete or other materials of such expensive sort in improvements no matter how desirable. Who approves that excepting the contractors, property owners benefited at public expense and those having the materials to sell at enormous war prices?

Using the road forces and road materials, as is just now being done on unimportant and almost unused side streets in order to haul their food supplies to the city, and the Government's tax money? Who approves that excepting certain persons, supposed to be vote-getters, and those who expect to be benefited by the votes thus secured?

A hundred items like these might be catalogued, all of which are of equal importance, and they will be brought to the attention of those people who, doubtless without knowing all the facts, are demanding an endorsement of the present administration and a reelection of the present county judge without opposition. These are merely a part of the things the people are talking about. The masses are wanting relief. I have been called to the mission of being their advocate, and until I am convinced that the people of this county are willing to submit for a long term of eight years to such extravagant government, I am before them as a candidate for county judge.

The present judge's system of redistributing has finished altogether the policy of honest government with representation. The great farming element is left by him with no voice whatever in the management of the county, in running their schools or naming a single teacher therein, in fixing a road budget which is the most important matter before the county from their standpoint, or even a chance to protest as a minority if measures adopted by the city and suburban magistrates promises oppression of them or neglect.

No matter how about constructive policies. Financial relief is what the people want, and that is what they are expecting me to provide. I promise now that if relief from taxation will restore profit to owners of property, will bring back that live crowd of real estate men who have been forced out of business by the policies of the present county government, will enable the owner of a little home to meet his tax demands without causing distress; will help the renter whose problem every day of his life is to feed the mouths of his family and make income and expense meet—if tax relief will benefit those thousands of our people, I promise that if elected to this office there shall be such retrenchment in county affairs that the tax rate will be reduced to a normal and reasonable figure and that luxuries shall be eliminated from public offices just as they have been from the homes of all our patriotic people.

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